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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
GROUP 3652  
Expedited Procedure

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Docket: OT-4190B  
Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: December 13, 2001  
Appln. Serial No.: 09/577,558 : Group Art Unit: 3652  
Filed: May 24, 2000 : Examiner: T. Tran  
Title: ELEVATOR TRACTION SHEAVE (as Amended)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 14, 2001 (the period for response having been extended by one month by the accompanying Petition and fee), in which the sole rejection is a provisional rejection of claims 44, 53, 54, 56, 66, 72, 73 and 75 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 58, 63, 64, 66, 71 and 72 of co-pending Application No. 09/577,302. Without conceding the propriety of this provisional rejection, in response:

- (i) Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c); and
- (ii) Applicants have authorized charging the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) (\$110.00) to Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-4190B.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the provisional double-patenting rejection.

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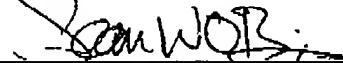
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Applicants submit the subject case to be in condition for allowance, and request an early notice thereof.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-4190B.

Respectfully submitted,

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